

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of)
Creation of a Low)
Power Radio)
Service) MB Docket No. 99-25

I encourage the FCC to expand and support the Low Power FM radio service. I live in sparsely-populated western Montana. We already have very few commercial stations because there are so few people here, and even with those few stations, our rugged mountain valleys make it difficult to receive a signal. As our late summer wildfires and our harsh winters demonstrate, there is a need for a radio station that can provide information from public safety officials to residents during emergencies. Low-power FM radio services can fill that gap and help protect Montana residents. Right now, just one town (St. Regis) is operating with an LPFM license, but several others along the I-90 corridor---DeBorgia, Superior, Alberton, and Huson---are also interested in obtaining LPFM licenses. I encourage the FCC to make it easier to obtain and qualify for an LPFM license in western Montana.

Sincerely,
John Q. Murray